

**2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services

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REQUEST: Please provide a history of the Dove Springs Community Youth Development Program including how many years the program has been in place, how many youth have been served annually, and the success rate of the program. If the program is grant funded, please indicate how long the City anticipates funding will be available for continuation of this program. If grant funds are expected to be discontinued, please provide the expected date and any plans the City has to shift this program over to the General Fund.

RESPONSE:

History: The Community Youth Development Program (CYD) began in 1996 with a grant from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). It has been in continuous operation for 19 years in the 78744 area. CYD's mission is to reduce and prevent juvenile delinquency in the 78744 area by providing leadership programs to youth that focus on healthy decision-making. Historically, CYD is known for its community collaboration by building partnerships with Austin Independent School District, the Parks and Recreation Department, libraries, faith-based organizations, and other local non-profit agencies. Initial funding for CYD was \$500,000 to serve 3,000 youth in Dove Springs. The CYD funding has decreased over the last few years due to federal grant sequestration. The grant decrease caused a reduction in services, thereby reducing client services from 3,000 to 1,200 and a reduction in staffing of one position. The FY 2015 grant appropriation was \$387,000, though recently, DFPS awarded an additional \$16,385 bringing the total funding to \$403,665.

Served Annually: Approximately 1,200 youth, ages 6 – 17 years old.

Success: For over three years, the CYD Program has a 100% success rate of keeping youth served out of the juvenile justice system while enrolled. CYD has also had over a 90% satisfaction rate from youth served over the last five years. The program also puts on an annual CYD ceremony that recognizes outstanding youth in the community. During the ceremony, youth receive recognition from elected local and state representatives as well as other influential public administrators.

Sustainability: The City's contract for CYD extends through August 2016. DFPS will conduct a solicitation for State Fiscal Years 2017 – 2020 next year. Health and Human Services anticipates submitting a successful proposal for continuing CYD services in 78744 through August 2020.